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Shoshone County
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Idaho	COUNTY Shoshone	TOWN OR VICINITY City of Wallace
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 5 Spruce St. (House)		HABS NO. ID-86
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 5 Spruce St., Wallace, Idaho (Legal: NP First Addition, Lot 6, Block 5)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Circa 1915 (See supplement)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Not known	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) See Supplement		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) See supplement		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See supplement		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE See supplement		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) See supplement		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Newer interior coverings, newer exterior coverings, outbuilding shed, newer roofing (dates unknown); southside addition and garage (prior to 1927); east end addition and kitchen-bathroom remodeling (1979 or 1980).		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition fair, currently vacant		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE House is scheduled to be torn down in 1988 to make way for a motel-restaurant-gift shop complex.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places, Safeco Title Co., Shoshone County Assessor's office, Sanborn Fire Maps, Barnard-Stockbridge Photo Collection, Richard Magnuson, Harry Olson, Wallace Public Library, Minnesota State Historical Society.		
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5 SPRUCE ST. (HOUSE)

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The house at 5 Spruce St. is a compatible element of the Wallace Historic District and is located in a residential area containing homes constructed between 1910 and 1920.

The City of Wallace was first settled in 1884. It is located along the South Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River and at the mouth of three side creeks and gulches amid North Idaho's steep Panhandle. The founding of the town followed discovery of fabulous lead-silver deposits in the surrounding mountains. As mining activity quickly grew, so did the town. By 1887 the population was 500, which grew to 2,816 by 1920 (U.S. Census Bureau).

The town flourished from mining activities, and Wallace became known as the Silver Capital of the World because more silver has been extracted from the Coeur d'Alene Mining District, with Wallace as the hub, than any place on earth.

Much of the town was located on a cedar swamp, which was drained as growth occurred. The west end of town containing this house was drained and developed last. Northern Pacific Railway first owned this land in west Wallace. NP leased to private individuals this land, on which were built many homes. NP deeded the land to the homeowners in a period from 1920 to 1925. This addition to the town is known as the NP First Addition.

Dating exact construction of most of the houses is difficult because the first deeding of the property occurred after the homes were built. The Minnesota State Historical Society, Archives Manuscripts Division, which possesses defunct NP's records, could not locate copies of the original leases. Early fire maps and photographs show no homes built in that area prior to 1910. Most of the homes, then, were constructed from 1910-1920.

These dates were confirmed by Harry Olson, who has lived in west Wallace since 1922. He said in an interview most of the houses in west Wallace were already constructed when he moved there in 1922. He was 10 years old at the time.

Olson remembers nothing distinctive about west Wallace other than it being an ordinary residential part of town. Its residents were a mixture of business and working people, including miners, a druggist, county commissioner and even "bootleggers." The streets were paved in the addition about 1920, Olson said. A flood in

1933 caused considerable damage to the streets and homes, he said.

As mining activity in the district began to decline in the 1970s and 1980s, so did the number of jobs and demand for homes. The 1980 population of Wallace was 1,800 (U.S. Census Bureau). The character of some homes changed as they went from owner-occupied to rentals. Some deteriorated from lack of care. (Some had been rentals for most of their existence.)

Because of the fast growth of the town in a short time span, Wallace contains a unique homogenous blend of architecture, which led to first a few buildings, then the downtown district, then the entire core of town listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Mining towns tend to have a transient population, and many homes have had numerous owners or occupants as a result. This house has been a rental house for many years with various occupants and no clear record of tenancy.

The first recorded deeding of the house was from NP to Zora A. Smith on Jan. 24, 1922. On Oct. 20, 1925, the house was deeded from Roland H. and Zora Smith to Clarence and Anna Creek. The Creeks used the house as a rental and did not live in the house (source: Irene Nonini, daughter of Anna Creek). On Dec. 24, 1947, the house was deeded to Lewis and Irene Nonini. The Noninis lived in the house about a year, and during the remainder of their ownership, the house was a rental (source: Irene Nonini). On May 16, 1958 (recorded date), the house was deeded to Kenneth M. Sullivan and on May 16, 1958 (recorded date), the house was deeded to Lenie Amato of Wallace. Amato lived in the house for a while and later used it as a rental. The last renter was H.R. Marconi, who lived in the house for 11 years until 1987. Michael Alldredge rented the house the previous eight years. The house was sold to J. Kimball Barnard of Spokane, Wa., on Aug. 28, 1987 (recorded date).

EXTERIOR FEATURES

The house is one story and rectangular. It is wood frame and has combination wood pier and concrete foundation. The concrete foundation portion is on the east end and is part of an addition. The crawl space is skirted with vertical shiplap wood covered with rolled aluminum. A trap door on the open front porch provides access to the crawl space. The siding is large wood shingle on the west and south sides (painted a light pale green), and fiberboard on the north and east sides (painted white). The wood shingles cover a fiber siding and the original tongue-and-

groove wood siding, painted white. The gable ends, however, are plywood.

The roof is gabled with a shed roof over the south side addition. Roofing is corrugated metal. This newer roofing covers a chimney opening. The eaves are boxed.

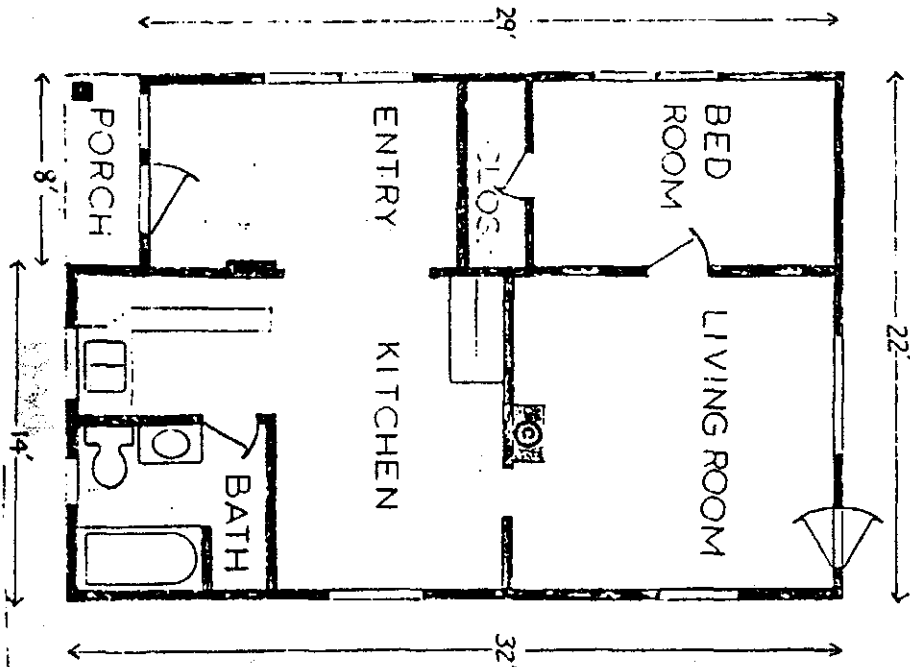
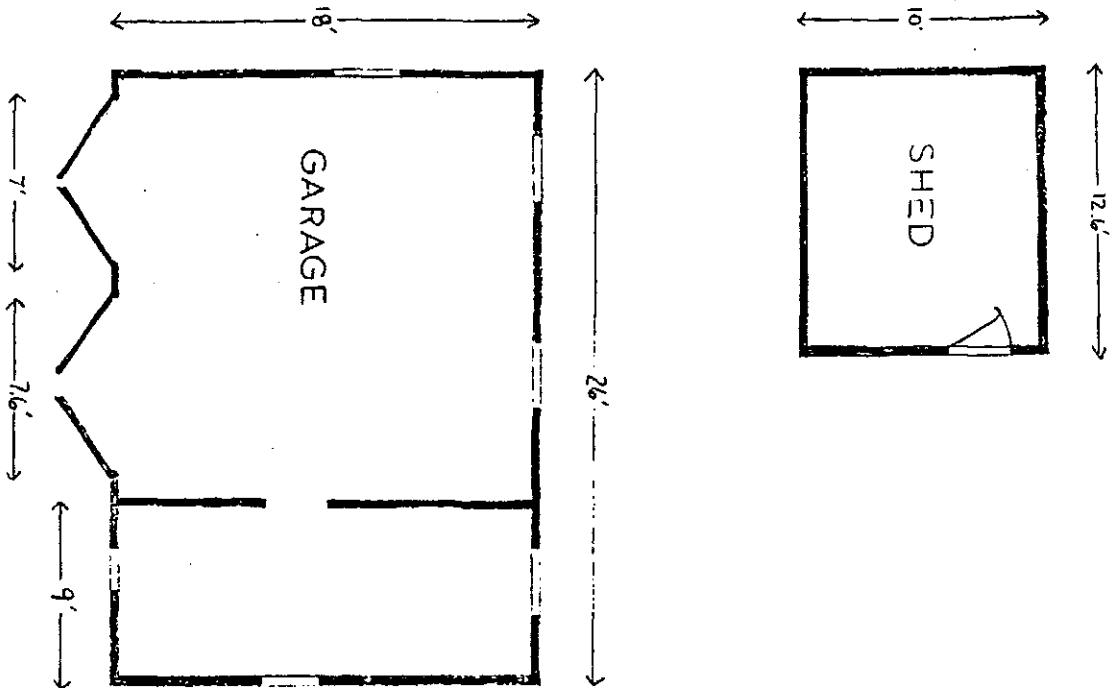
The windows are a combination wood frame and aluminum frame. The wood-frame windows vary: one facing east is a three-over-one double-hung sash, one facing north is a four-over-one double hung sash, and one facing south slides sideways. Others are sliding aluminum. Window trim is painted wood.

Two outbuildings are a garage and shed. The garage is wood frame with a gable roof and rolled composition roofing. The siding is wood shiplap. Windows are set wood frame. The floor is dirt and plank. The shed is wood frame with a gable roof and composition shingles as roofing. Siding is wood shiplap. The floor is plywood and the walls are finished with fiberboard. There are no windows. Both the garage and shed are painted the same light pale green as half of the house.

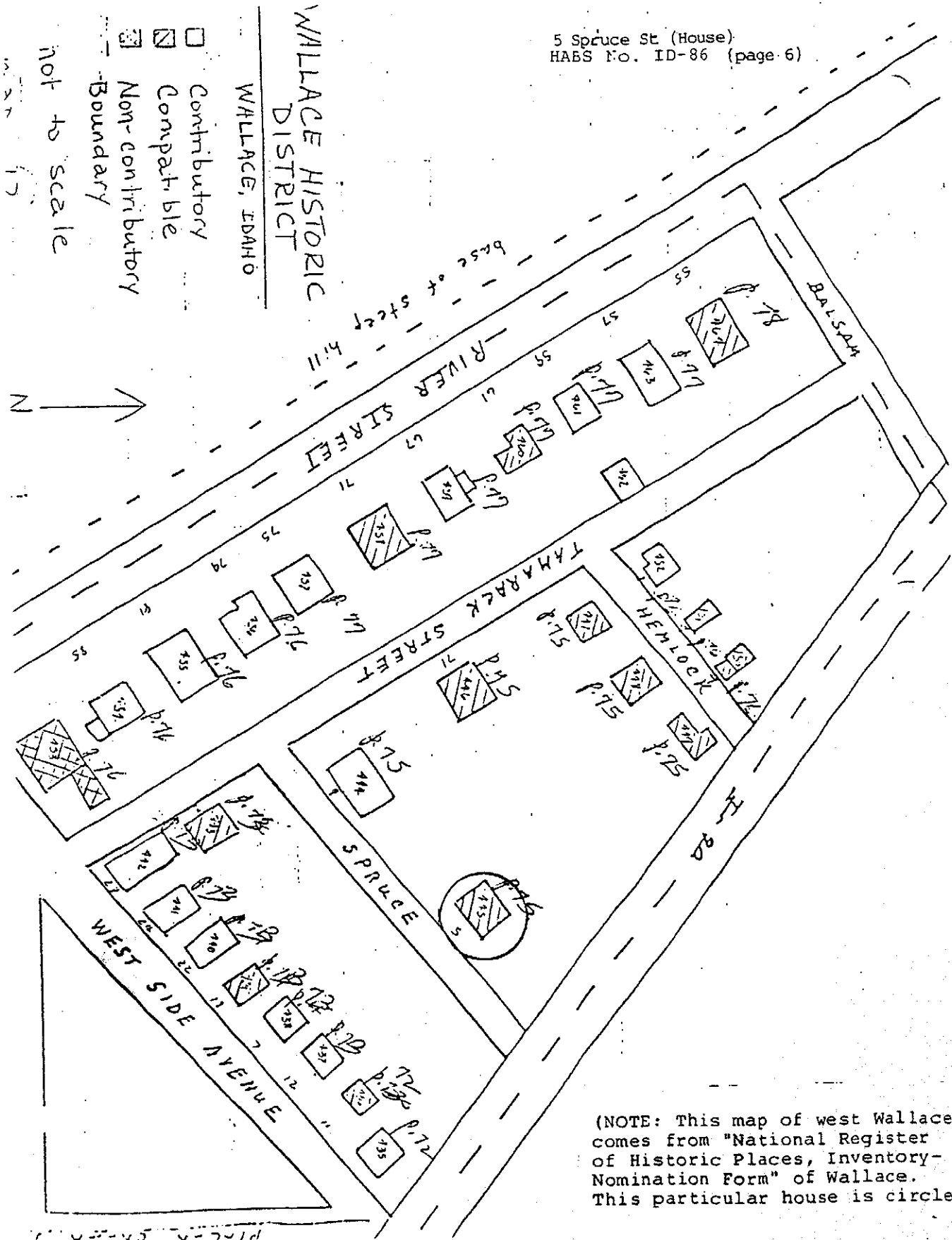
INTERIOR FEATURES

The original walls are wood 1" x 12" covered with various materials. First is a fabric and several layers of wallpaper. Other layers (varies from wall to wall) are painted fiberboard, sheetrock, and paneling. The floors are softwood covered with linoleum. The shed roof portion of the house is one step down from the other floors and an addition (source: H.R. Marconi, house renter for 11 years, and Irene Nonini, former home owner).

The kitchen has an addition (east side) that is a combination plywood and sheetrock, painted. The original kitchen has metal cabinets, and the newer addition has pre-built imitation wood cabinets with a double aluminum sink. Heat source is electric baseboard (not original).



SCALE 1/8"=1'
K.A. STALEY



(NOTE: This map of west Wallace comes from "National Register of Historic Places, Inventory-Nomination Form" of Wallace. This particular house is circle.